

## CALLS ON ROOSEVELT TO ACT.

W. F. KING DEMANDS A NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE INQUIRY.

Says It Can Be Done Through the Interstate Commerce or a Special Commission—The President Thinking It Over—Plans to Organize Merchants.

President Roosevelt has been asked to take official cognizance of the situation in life insurance circles resulting from the Equitable scandal and to institute a national investigation of the business in general.

This request has been made to Mr. Roosevelt by William F. King, formerly president of the Merchants' Association of this city, acting, he says, in the interest of policyholders in all companies.

President Roosevelt has replied to Mr. King through Secretary Loom, and although he has not promised anything definite, he has, according to Mr. King, taken a great interest in the suggestions that have been made. Mr. King says that he has written the President several letters on the subject and that he is sure Mr. Roosevelt will take steps to ascertain his power in the matter.

In Mr. King's opinion, the big insurance companies come under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the conduct of their business and are subject to national investigation just as much as the beef trust or the Standard Oil Company.

He has made suggestions among these lines to the President but in the event of the President being unable to deal with the insurance question in this way, he has been urged by Mr. King to appoint a national commission on the lines of the anthracite coal commission to make an inquiry and report.

If Mr. Roosevelt is not able to do something to relieve the conditions, Mr. King announces that he will go to Congress for relief backed by an organization of 150,000 merchants all over the country.

Mr. King has also corresponded with Gov. Higgins, urging him to use his influence with the Legislature in the interests of the policyholders, both in reference to the Equitable scandal and to life insurance in general.

Gov. Higgins has been authorized by Mr. King to his correspondence with President Roosevelt. Mr. King said yesterday:

"In regard to the Equitable life insurance scandal, two very prominent lawyers in this city, claiming to represent clients holding several million of dollars in policies, called upon me and asked whether the Merchants' Association would not take up the matter. I stated to them that I was not a director or member of the executive committee of the association, and that if they had any bona fide plan, they should ask for a hearing before the executive committee, which meets on Mondays."

"I am a large policyholder in more than one of the big companies, and have written to President Roosevelt calling his attention to this national scandal, recited that there was a company (the Equitable) where the earnings of the citizens in all walks of life in forty-eight states were being made a football of two factions striving to get control at the expense of the policyholders, and endangering present policyholders' interest by creating a scandal which has for the time being paralyzed the writing of new business. Dividends of the policyholders are cut down by the increase of expenditures."

"I also called the President's attention to the belief that these corporations (name under the Interstate Commerce act) do business under contract in the several States, and there is apparently no reason why they should not be investigated in the same as the Beef and the Standard Oil trusts."

"In case the President decides that he has no jurisdiction, I will go to Congress in the autumn, to start an agitation in every State in the Union, by sending out literature to the Legislatures and by factoring concern, to the number of 150,000, having a mercantile rating on capital stock of \$5,000 and over. I shall ask these men to interest not only their own banks and employees also, in petitioning members of Congress and Senators to make a thorough investigation and put these great insurance corporations under the same law as the Beef and the Standard Oil trusts."

"These companies, those of which control the enormous sum of about \$120,000,000, must be put on the same basis as the Beef and the Standard Oil trusts, and be held to account for every penny received as premiums. The system by which a policyholder is subjected to a proxy to an officer of the company when he has no right to vote should be abolished once and forever."

Mr. King refused last night to give the names of the two lawyers who called upon him in the interests of their clients to get the Merchants' Association to act. He thought that the company would probably confer with the association's executive committee on Monday.

Another movement is on foot looking for relief for the policyholders in the Equitable and other companies from the State Legislature. Before Gov. Higgins issues his call for an investigation, the Legislature is to act upon the charges against Justice Hooker. An effort will be made to induce him to include in his call a recommendation that the Legislature should question of providing for a more thorough and complete investigation of the life insurance companies of the State. An effort would be made to induce the Governor the necessity of legislation of this sort was Senator Alfred R. Page of this city, who is a member of the investigating committee. A lawyer identified with the policyholders' interests said:

"Gov. Higgins, I think, would regard with considerable weight a suggestion from Senator Page that the consideration of life insurance matters be included in the stipulation for an extra session. I think that there is serious talk of calling the extra session for the Hooker case about the middle of June."

Samuel Untermyer, counsel for James H. Hyde, commenting on the charges against his client in the complaint in the Brackett suit, said yesterday:

"The Brackett complaint is a stale melody of all the exploited life, even down to the fiction of the fancy dress ball, which has been disposed of again and again. Its origin is obvious. Mr. Alexander's friends are most indiscreet. If the case is ever brought to trial, which I doubt, it will offer the much desired opportunity of showing the public who is behind these attacks. It would be interesting to know how the plaintiff is getting on. The tide of stock after the trouble in the society began. It looks very much like another Peter Power suit."

INGALLS DOESN'T WANT EQUITABLE JOB. CINCINNATI, May 20.—M. E. Ingalls, ex-president of the Big Four Railroad, said today regarding a report from New York that he may be asked to take the presidency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society:

"If I took that place, which has not been offered to me, I would be expected to leave Cincinnati and live in New York and work hard for the next five years. The salary of \$100,000 a year, which I have considered under ordinary circumstances, but not to me at present. When I was much younger I determined that when I had acquired a certain amount of money, I would take it easier and have a play time. I am living in accord with that promise and intend to continue so to live. I think the Equitable presidency will stay in the East."

BRACKETT TO UNTERMYER.

Mrs. Young's Suit Won't Be Tied in the Newspapers, He Tells Hyde's Attorney. ALBANY, May 20.—Senator Brackett's attention was called today to a report

of an interview purporting to have been had with Samuel Untermyer, in which Mr. Untermyer is reported to have said of the Mary Young suit brought by the Senator against the directors of the Equitable society:

"It is the same old fake suit, reeking with falsehood. It looks like another Peter Power case. The only interesting question in the case is: Where did the woman get the one share of stock after the trouble in the Equitable began upon which she bases her suit?"

The Senator was asked if he cared to make any statement in reply, and said:

"No, no statement, and yet I must say I hardly think that Brother Untermyer, whom we of the legal profession recognize as a very able lawyer, and of whose legal attainments we are proud, meant to say just what he is reported to have said."

"I am so used to having everything I say in the Equitable suit vociferously denounced as untrue one week and the next week admitted to be true, that the denunciation doesn't disturb me any more. I don't believe that Mr. Untermyer thinks that there is any Peter Power about Mrs. Young or her suit. Mrs. Young is a very real person, who has long lived in Saratoga and who can prove any day, although she will not try her case in the newspapers."

"As to the question where she obtained her one share of stock, I don't think that is very material. She certainly owns it, and that is the important thing. And it is enough to know that, having her policies of insurance, she very early in the trouble looked ahead far enough to see that her rights as a policyholder might be very much protected and some important questions involved if she did not get her one share of the stock. She was given to him. The janitress said she saw the man around the house the last time on Wednesday night."

When the police learned this much Mrs. Joseph Cassidy of 160 Third avenue called to see the dead woman. She told Capt. Hussey that Mrs. Newell had boarded with her for four years and that her married name was Hartnett. The woman's husband, she said, was a soldier, and was recently sent home to the army hospital at the Presidio, San Francisco, from Cavite, Philippine Islands. Mrs. Cassidy said that Mrs. Hartnett drank heavily.

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Raymond had a very small pipe, which he concealed in his hand, and in his mouth was a white pencil which had been burned on one end to represent a cigarette. He informed several persons that he had been arrested in six different Indiana cities for violating the cigarette law and said he intended to go to jail. He was in Washington street and smoked until City Marshal Horton came along. He was placed under arrest and taken to the Justice Nickerson and pleaded not guilty.

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## TOWEL TIGHT ABOUT HER NECK

SOLDIER'S WIFE FOUND DEAD; STRANGLED PERHAPS.

Silk Muffler Tied About Wrist Looks as If Her Husband Were Tied—Man Companion Missing—Husband Last Heard of in San Francisco—Man Away From Dublin.

The dead body of a middle aged woman, who engaged a room at 205 East Fifteenth street on May 11, under the name of Myra Newell, was found there late yesterday afternoon. The circumstances led Coroner Goldenkrantz, after a superficial examination, to conclude that the woman had been strangled.

The body was discovered by Mrs. Winnie Wilkinson, janitress of the house, when she forced open the door to demand the week's rent. She called in Policeman Sullivan of the East Twenty-second street station.

The woman was fully dressed, even to white cuffs and a three inch linen collar. A towel drawn tightly around the collar made Sullivan suspicious, so he notified Capt. Hussey that the case ought to be investigated. Capt. Hussey called in Detective Sergeant Cary of Headquarters and went to the woman's room.

The janitress told them that the woman had taken the room with a long whiskered, middle aged man who professed to be her husband. He said that he was connected with a musical conservatory, and an extra key to the house was given to him. The janitress said she saw the man around the house the last time on Wednesday night.

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## KILLED IN HER LONELY HOUSE

MISS BRADLEY OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR A SISTER OF CHARITY.

Well Known by Reason of Her Girth and Her Kindness—Sundagged in Her Kitchen While Writing a Letter to Her Sister—Motive Doubtless Was Robbery.

WOODBURY, N. J., May 20.—The body of Miss Margaret Bradley, a wealthy spinster, was found last night in the kitchen of her home, an unpretentious farmhouse, about three miles from Franklinville. From the condition of the body it is believed that she had been dead since Sunday last. Miss Bradley was more or less of a recluse, and she wore a costume that caused her to be mistaken often for a sister of charity. Her kindnesses about the neighborhood contributed to this error in the common mind.

A sandbag was found in an adjoining room. Upon it were stains of blood, several teeth that were missing from the front of the mouth were found on the floor near the body and a superficial examination of the face revealed a deep gash over the right eye and a cut on the chin. But owing to the condition of the body an autopsy will have to be performed in order to discover any other injuries the woman may have received.

Sheriff Wilson T. Jones discovered several things. One was that while all the rest of the keys of the house were in their proper keyholes the deadlock key was missing. Miss Bradley was reputed to be wealthy and yet when the body was found a careful search revealed only two cents. She visited a grocery on Saturday night at Franklinville and made a number of purchases, displaying a roll of banknotes while paying for them. She remained at the grocery until about midnight, when she was leaving the store that she would be glad when her sister, Miss Emma Bradley of Philadelphia, should join her, as she felt somewhat lonely at the farmhouse, where she lived alone. She drove away nodding to several acquaintances outside of the store. That was the last seen of her alive.

Miss Bradley's nearest neighbors were Frank Roth and James Downs, whose farms adjoin that owned by the dead woman and her sister. The two men have been moving within a hundred yards of the Bradley house for several days and they have remarked to one another that it was strange that Miss Bradley had not been seen around her house. Their suspicions were awakened last evening when Daniel Blakely, the letter carrier of Franklinville and vicinity, arrived in front of the Bradley house with a letter for her.

He noticed the letter; he had dropped in the mail box in front of the house during the previous several days were still there, and he hailed Roth and Downs, who were ploughing, and asked them if they knew whether Miss Bradley was at home or was visiting her sister at Philadelphia.

Downs said he was sure she had not gone away. Downs and Roth then went to the Bradley house and rapped on the door. The door was opened by a woman, who, through a kitchen window and recoiled. He broke the glass of the window and pulled back the bolt of the door inside. Opening the door he saw Miss Bradley lying dead.

He at once drove to Franklinville and notified Sheriff Jones. When Sheriff Jones arrived at the house he found upon the table in the kitchen a letter which the woman had evidently been writing to her sister at Philadelphia, when she met her death. The letter said that she was feeling well and that her heart trouble, from which she had suffered for a number of years, was better and that she enclosed a prescription for medicine. The letter ended with a half finished sentence.

THUMP IN CADILLAC CAFE.

Punch in the Eye Retorted Outside With a Brick and a Knife.

Over a table in the café of the Hotel Cadillac last night there broke out a bit of a discussion over money matters between two men described as Walter S. Gage, living at the Hamilton Hotel, and Robert L. Anderson, living at the Hotel Spaulding. Anderson said to be associated in the advertising business. Gage, in tones that could be heard through the café, demanded of Anderson the immediate payment of \$5.

Anderson responded by giving Gage a wicked punch in the eye. The blow strained Anderson's wrist. Apparently Gage was dazed by the blow. Anderson apologized and Gage seemed to be appeased. Two friends they started for their hotels.

Gage did not make a move in retaliation until they reached the Spaulding. There, while standing along near there, and Gage picked up a brick and felled Anderson with two blows on the head. When one of the others interposed Gage struck him in the face. Then he cast aside the brick, drew a knife, and cut a gash three inches long and an inch deep in the calf of Anderson's left leg. Then he ran away.

Anderson was carried to the office of Dr. Shoales at 151 West Forty-third street, where his head and leg were dressed. On their way there his friends met Bicycle Policeman England. They told him about Gage's resorts and one of them exchanged coal and had with the officer. This attitude in plain clothes England searched for Gage for several hours without result.

Lead in Warren Street Area.

A dead man was found at the foot of the leaden steps at 41 Warren street last night, who had apparently fallen from the street when he was stricken with apoplexy. His body was taken to the Morgue. He looked as if he might be a clerk or a salesman and was about 32 years old.

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## NAB BARON ON THEFT CHARGE.

Another Chapter in the Strenuous Career of Michael Rosenbaum.

Baron Michael Rosenbaum, 37 years old, was arrested yesterday afternoon in his room in the San Carlos apartments, 60 South Oxford street, Brooklyn, by Detective John F. Smith of Camden, N. J., assisted by Detectives Brady and McCluskey of the Brooklyn Headquarters staff, on a warrant issued Feb. 8, 1905, in which Rosenbaum is charged with having embezzled \$8,700 from Abbie Daughton, a sister of Isaac Daughton, Assistant State Comptroller of New Jersey.

Rosenbaum was found in his room with his wife, the daughter of Dr. Lamparter, a Philadelphia physician, to whom he was married the day following that on which her former husband, Charles Denier, a millionaire furrier and chairman of Philadelphia, obtained a divorce. At the time of his marriage the Baron assisted his wife in taking her daughter, Elsie, now 11 years old, from her Philadelphia home, and secreting her in a hotel in Camden. The courts had given the child into the custody of the father and her disappearance and subsequent recovery were at the time among the sensations of Philadelphia social life.

Miss Daughton alleges that she gave Rosenbaum, her half of a hanging electric lamp, pulled a drawer out of a desk, set it up against the door, and standing on it put his head and the lamp through the window and turned on the light, at the same time rose to his feet. "So glad you've come," said the young woman on the other side of the door, whom the burglar was trying to escape.

The self-proclaimed young person explained that she was Miss Ballard, a stenographer employed in the building by the father, a street row in which both were arrested and subsequently discharged. This clipping was, according to the police, acknowledged by Rosenbaum as referring to him.

Farrell declares that Rosenbaum was employed by his father in London at a salary of \$12,000 a year as a portrait painter. His specialty was in pastel work. He says that his father died and subsequently Rosenbaum was taken into partnership. He declares that he was well known in the city and that he had sworn to bound him into any and every city of the world, if necessary, to place some of her money in the game. Mrs. Rosenbaum said that it was not until after the girl had lost the \$6,700 that she learned that it was her whole fortune.

Then she sent Miss Daughton a check for \$200 out of her own money, and on another occasion sent a smaller sum. Mrs. Rosenbaum produced the stock tickets for the greater part of the money alleged to have been stolen to prove her story of how the money went. She declares the money was lost in bad investments, placed at the request of the complainant.

Further than this, Mrs. Rosenbaum declared to a reporter last night, she was convinced Miss Daughton was in love with her husband, and that she hoped by this arrest to estrange him from her and then, by being lenient at the last moment, to win him over to herself.

STEEPED ON A PARLOR MATCH.

Woman Badly Burned in Spite of Prompt Rescue Work.

Della Riley, a cook in the boarding house of Mrs. Wallace at 2407 Seventh avenue, stepped on a parlor match at 9 o'clock last night. Her clothing blazed up.

Mrs. Wallace and some of the boarders saved the cook's life, but not from a severe burning about the legs. She would not go to a hospital and was treated by Mrs. Wallace's physician.

The incident drew a large crowd from 125th street, which is always full of sensation seekers on Saturday night.

## CUBA CELEBRATES.

Parade and Other Events on Third Anniversary of Independence.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, May 20.—The third anniversary of Cuban independence was celebrated today. There was a parade of the Rural Guard, artillery and police, which was reviewed by President Palma.

There was an official reception at the palace and a display of fireworks this evening. An immense crowd was on the streets tonight to witness the display.

## HUNTED BURGLAR, FOUND GIRL.

So Glad You've Come, Said She When Policeman Arrived First in Hand.

In the hush of lower Broadway last night the click of keys being tried in locks came to the wakened ear of Policeman Grosky as he passed No. 130.